



## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

**2021 - 2022**

It is my pleasure to present to you the 2022 Southwest Advocacy Association (SWAA) annual report.

In the last half of 2021 our staff found themselves continuing to work from home on and off as our governments grappled with the best way forward in a continuing “covid 19” world, our staff continued to offer the same service to clients through this time and for that I thank them.

In the middle of 2021, our Executive Officer, Adele Markwell decided to retire, Adele officially retired in late 2021 and the Committee of Management set about seeking her replacement, Jennie Trigg was chosen from some good applicants to fill the gap left by Adele and Jennie officially began work in December 2021.

Early in 2022, with our new Executive Officer it was decided that in order to continually improve on the advocacy service we offer changes would be required, these changes meant the Committee of Management would meet more often this year to make decisions on the future of SWAA and I believe we have seen many improvements over 2022 from the upgrade of operating systems within SWAA to review and upgrade of policies and procedures.

The Committee of Management would like to commend our wonderful staff on their continued professionalism and positive attitude throughout the previous year, we thank Executive Officer Jennie Trigg, Advocate’s Kim Young and Erin Beasley and Administration Officer Marg Gottlewski for their continued hard work and no fuss attitudes.

I would like to thank Peter McMahon and Colin Vale who have both resigned in the 2021 – 2022 financial year, for their many years of service on this committee and we wish them all the best.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Committee of Management members, we have had more meetings this year than normal, but I believe we are seeing the benefits and I know you have all made yourself available to Jennie whenever required.

Thank you, Rose Edgerton, Cheryl Gould, Lisa Vale, Richard Ziegeler, Jo-Anne Nicholas, Andrew Harmon and Carolyn Howe, your collective expertise, experience and commitment to SWAA has been very much appreciated.

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Southwest Advocacy Association